

The Mieczysław Hertz Theater Institute and The Kazimierz Dejmek New Theatre in Łódź are preparing a project called:

International Symposium

21st CENTURY ACTOR

Methods / Traditions / Explorations

The event will take place in Poland in Łódź on October from 23th to 25th in 2020.

Program director: Jacek Orłowski – is a director, a professor of Directing Drama Faculty at Academy of Theatre Arts in Krakow (its dean in the years 2008-2012) and Acting Faculty in Lodz Film Academy.

The aim of the Symposium is to review the acting methods that underlie the education and artistic practice of actors in the 21st century, and to present brand new explorations in this field. By presenting the working methods of actors and educators, we want to create a "map" of influences and interactions of ideas that inspire the practice and artistic education in various theater cultures and traditions. That is why we care about the participation of representatives of schools and art communities from all over the world in our event.

The Symposium will be the inauguration of the MASTER'S ACADEMY OF THEATRE (MAT) / International Forum on New Educational and Theatre Practices.

The three-day session will be divided into the following thematic blocks:

1. METHODS

The first day will present a wide spectrum of acting methods, their assumptions, key concepts and practical tools that form the basis for the education of acting students in theater schools in Europe and in the world. Teachers involved in teaching acting will be invited to participate in this part of the Symposium.

2. TRADITIONS

The second day will be devoted to the presentation of acting methods, theatrical and cultural traditions, and the masters who are the source of knowledge and inspiration for 21st century actors. Invited film and theater actors will perform in this part.

3. EXPLORATIONS

The third day will be devoted to artistic ideas and experiences that open new perspectives in acting in the 21st century. Directors and leaders of various creative groups will be invited to participate in this part of the session.

Professors and students of Lodz Film Academy, National Academy of Theatre Arts in Krakow and Wroclaw and Theatre Academy in Warsaw will take part in all proceedings of Symposium.

The whole Symposium will be live-streamed on the Internet. We will also establish live video connection with speakers unable to join us in Łódź.

After the Symposium, a publication in Polish and English, "Actor of the 21st Century" will be published, featuring the speeches of invited speakers, as well as papers sent or delivered in the form of teleconferences.

If you are interested in participating in the Symposium, please send us an email to: sympozjum@matacademy.eu

